requirement of grant is circumscribed by financial constraints and is decided on the basis of budgetary allocation and demand under the schemes.

(c) to (e) For 'Nasha Mukti Avam Punarwas Kendra' two proposals during 2006 from Haryana and one proposal form Uttar Pradesh were received out of which one proposal of Uttar Pradesh was approved and the two proposals of Haryana was not approved by the Screening Committee of the Ministry as they were not found adequately experienced in the field of drug de-addiction. During 2007, one proposal each from Haryana and Uttar Pradesh were received which have been approved for being set up. In 2008, two proposals from Uttar Pradesh only have so far been received and these have also been approved for being set up by the Screening Committee of the Ministry. For construction of hostels for SC boys and girls, no proposal from any of the two State Govt. was received during 2006. During 2007, two proposals from Uttar Pradesh and one proposal form Haryana was received out of which one proposal of Haryana was approved. In 2008 one proposal from Uttar Pradesh only has so far been received which has been found incomplete and therefore it has not been approved. The cases accepted are directly informed to the concerned NGOs and information about acceptance/rejection is now made available in the Ministry's websites.

Modifications in Ambedkar Fellowships Scheme

1060. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has modified the eligibility conditions under the prestigious Ambedkar Fellowship Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the suggested modifications of the scheme, if implemented, would do injustice to a huge number of SC students;

(d) if so, the steps taken to undo the modifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation had decided to discontinue the Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowship Scheme in 1997. There is no other fellowship scheme in operation in the Foundation.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Activities of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation

1061. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various programmes concerning grant of awards, scholarships, publication of books, etc. conducted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation;

(b) when the last meeting of the above foundation was called by the Chairman or the Ministry; and

(c) the details of Dr. Ambedkar Open University and Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Various States?